# Burke, Ruth A

From:

Cone, Marc A

Sent:

Wednesday, August 01, 2018 9:57 AM

To:

Crawford, Jeff S

Subject:

AP & Forest Cluster Letter in Support of OTR Designation Removal

**Attachments:** 

20180727091714770.pdf; RE: AP & Forest Cluster Letter in Support of OTR Designation

Removal

Jeff,

Not sure if this was submitted to you but Nick forwarded this to me. So it should be part of the record. I asked for who they represent which was included in the attached email.

Marc

## Burke, Ruth A

From:

Robert Dorsey <rdorsey@aroostookpartnership.org>

Sent:

Monday, July 30, 2018 11:51 AM

To:

Cone, Marc A; Archer, Nick D

Subject:

RE: AP & Forest Cluster Letter in Support of OTR Designation Removal

Marc,

Representing the Aroostook Partnership, these are our major investors:

**MMG** Insurance

**Emera Maine** 

The Aroostook Medical Center

**CARY Medical Center** 

**Katahdin Trust Company** 

**Key Bank** 

**TD Bank** 

**FA Peabody Company** 

**United Insurance** 

**Dead River** 

Daigle Oil

**Machias Savings Bank** 

**Griffeths Ford & Griffeth Honda** 

The County Federal Credit Union

**Acadia Federal Credit Union** 

**Twin Rivers Paper Company** 

**SW Collins Company** 

**WAGM TV** 

York's of Houlton

K-Pel

**TEMPO Employment** 

**ACAP** 

**Pattern Energy** 

University of Maine at Presque Isle

University of Maine at Fort Kent

**Husson University** 

**Northern Maine Community College** 

**EDP Renewables** 

**Northern Maine Development Commission** 

### Representing the Northern Forest Products Industry Cluster:

JD Irving Company

Louisiana Pacific

**Maibec Lumber** 

**Twin Rivers** 

ReEnergy

Seven Islands

**Katahdin Cedar Log Homes** 

**Columbia Forest Products** 

Huber

**Maine Forest Products Council** 

#### **Professional Logging Contractors**

All the banks listed above
Staffers from Sen Collins, Sen King, Rep. Poliquin
University of Maine at Orono – Forestry Dept.
Houlton Region II Forestry CTE program

Those are the major players. Hope this helps Bob

From: Cone, Marc A < Marc.A.Cone@maine.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 10:45 AM

To: Archer, Nick D < Nick.D.Archer@maine.gov>; Robert Dorsey < rdorsey@aroostookpartnership.org>

Subject: RE: AP & Forest Cluster Letter in Support of OTR Designation Removal

This certainly gets to the point. I wonder if you have a list of the companies that are represented so there is a better understanding of who is behind this.

From: Archer, Nick D

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 10:27 AM

To: Cone, Marc A < Marc.A.Cone@maine.gov >

Subject: Fwd: AP & Forest Cluster Letter in Support of OTR Designation Removal

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From: Robert Dorsey <rdorsey@aroostookpartnership.org>

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 9:26:55 AM

To: Archer, Nick D

Subject: AP & Forest Cluster Letter in Support of OTR Designation Removal

Nick.

How does this letter look?

Bob

----Original Message----

From: <a href="mailto:copier@nmdc.org">copier@nmdc.org</a>

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 9:17 AM

To: Robert Dorsey <rdorsey@aroostookpartnership.org>

Subject: Message from "RNP002673D466DC"

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Queries to: copier@nmdc.org



#### A public-private partnership committed to economic growth in Northern Maine

July 24, 2018

Augusta, ME 04769

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing as president of the Aroostook Partnership representing approximately one hundred businesses, the four Aroostook County colleges, and the Northern Maine Development Commission teamed to promote economic development throughout Aroostook County and also representing the Northern Forest Products Industry Cluster which consists of approximately 30 companies that produce forest products. In both of these capacities, I strongly support Maine DEP's petition to reassign parts of rural Maine to more appropriate regulatory requirements, specifically removing them from the Ozone Transport Region "OTR".

Aroostook County is sparsely populated and has a very robust natural resources-based economy primarily consisting of agriculture and forestry. Specifically, we have several wood products mills, food processing plants and a couple of biomass energy plants that are looking to expand kiln drying operations or develop combined heat and power capabilities that would greatly benefit from not having the additional costs related to OTR requirements.

Northern Maine has tremendous air quality and this petition would not jeopardize that situation but it would allow for our businesses to invest in plant improvements that increase capacity and value added production to enable them to be more competitive with similar plants in other states. This in turn would allow them to add jobs and directly help Aroostook County grow our economy. Therefore, I highly encourage the EPA to grant this petition to help Maine and Aroostook's economy grow.

Sincerely,

Robert Dorsey
President & CEO

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